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In re Application of:	
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Serial No.	Not yet assigned Divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,222
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For:	MANHOLE DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please delete the title at page 1, line 1, and substitute therefor the following title:

--MANHOLE DEVICE--.

Between the phrase "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" at page 1, line 2, and the phrase "I. Field of the invention." at page 1, line 3, please insert the following:

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-- Cross Reference To Related Application

This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,222 filed September 10, 1998, which is incorporated herein in its entirety.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-44 and 49-52.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 45-48 are pending in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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